

Negative—Messrs. Bowie, Claude—2. Determined in the affirmative, and it was returned to the house of delegates. Also the bill to incorporate the Rock Run Turnpike Road Company, endorsed 'will pass.' Also the bill to authorise aliens to purchase and hold real property within this state, endorsed 'will not pass.' Also the bill to prevent the reclaiming of slaves who have been permitted by their owners to act as free persons, endorsed 'will not pass.' Also the bill to alter the constitution and form of government by providing that all elections by a joint vote of the general assembly of Maryland shall be viva voce, endorsed 'will not pass.' Also the additional supplement to an act relating to sheriffs, and for other purposes, passed at December session 1813, chapter 102, endorsed 'will pass.' Also the bill relating to insolvent debtors, endorsed 'will pass with the proposed amendments.'

Amendments proposed—Strike out the 2d section, and in lieu thereof insert the following section: "2. And be it enacted, That upon any application by a citizen of another state for the benefit of the several acts of assembly of this state, passed for the relief of insolvent debtors, the judge or judges, or commissioners of insolvent debtors for the city and county of Baltimore, as the case may be, to whom such application is made, are hereby authorised and required, to extend to the petitioner the benefit of the said several acts, to the same extent that he would have been entitled, had he been a citizen residing in this state for two years preceding such application; Provided, that the judge or judges, or commissioners for the city of Baltimore, shall be satisfied that the petitioner did not come to this state with the intention of availing himself of the benefit of this act, or with a view of defrauding his creditors; and provided also, that the said insolvent debtor shall comply in all other respects with the terms and conditions of the said insolvent laws. 3. And be it enacted, That before any petitioner for the benefit of the insolvent laws of this state shall receive a release or discharge from imprisonment, or from the custody of the officer, he shall execute a deed or conveyance, together with an assignment of his books of accounts, choses in action, rights and credits, to some person to be named by the judge or commissioner or commissioners of insolvent debtors for the city and county of Baltimore, as the case may be, to whom his petition is preferred, to be held by such person until the creditors of such insolvent debtor shall appoint a trustee. 4. And be it enacted, That within three weeks after such release or discharge from custody of any insolvent debtor, he shall cause such notice to be given in such newspapers in the county as he may select; and in case there should be no paper printed in the county, such notice as is now required to entitle him to the benefit of the insolvent laws of this state; and it shall not be lawful for any person indebted to said insolvent, to pay to said insolvent debtor, or his order, the amount, or any part thereof so due, after the publication of such notice. Strike out the last section of the bill, and insert the following: And be it enacted, that whenever an insolvent debtor shall be convicted of fraud, the court, before whom the conviction shall take place, shall sentence the said debtor to undergo a confinement in the county gaol, for a term not less than one month, nor longer than one year, at the discretion of the court." Which amendments were read and dissented from.

Mr. Scott offered the following message; which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates.

BY THE SENATE, Feb. 26, 1825.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have received your message, with a resolution therein incorporated, in favour of the treasurer of the western shore, and also the bill, entitled, An act to pay the civil list and other expenses of civil government.

This being the day fixed upon for the rising of the legislature, and the senate not choosing to protract the session by the fruitless and expensive discussion of a subject upon which their opinions are so dissimilar from those of your honourable body, have passed the said bill, and have at the same time rejected the resolution as altogether unnecessary.

The senate will further observe, that they did not charge your honourable body with a violation of the constitution, nor can that construction be fairly put upon their message, but they still maintain the opinion, that the spirit of the bill of rights and constitution is against the reduction of the salary of the chancellor, as no precedent can be found in this state for the reduction of a judicial salary.

The senate have now no other business before them, and wait the leisure of your honourable body to request the attendance of the governor in the senate chamber, to sign and seal the engrossed bills.

By order,

W. KILTY, CLK.

The clerk of the house of delegates returned the further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments, endorsed 'will not pass.' And the bill to repeal part of an act passed at December session 1806, endorsed 'will pass.' And the bill to restrain habitual drunkenness, endorsed 'will not pass.' And delivered a bill, entitled, An act to continue in force the acts of assembly which would expire with the present session; which was read the first time. On motion the question was put, Will the senate amend the bill by striking out the following words: 'except the act passed at November session 1798, chapter 86, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for establishing and securing the salary of the chancellor, and also except the act passed at November session 1797, chapter 71, entitled, An act to make a temporary allowance to the chancellor in addition to his salary as chancellor and judge of the land office?' The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

Affirmative—Messrs. Stuart, Prest. Bowie, Claude and Miller—4

Negative—Messrs. Cockey, Dickinson, Kent, Orrell and Scott—5. Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow: Affirmative—Messrs. Cockey, Dickinson, Kent, Orrell and Scott—5.

Negative—Messrs. Stuart, Pres. Bowie, Claude and Miller—4. Determined in the affirmative.

Also a resolution in favour of Joseph Mayo, and others; which was read and assented to. Also a resolution in favour of Benjamin G. Jones; which was read and assented to.

The senate adjourned until 5 o'clock, P. M.

FIVE O'CLOCK P. M. The senate met. Present the same members as in the morning.

The resolution in favour of Benjamin G. Jones; the resolution in favour of Joseph Mayo, and others; the bill to pay the civil list and other expenses of civil government; were returned to the house of delegates.

The senate reconsidered the bill to continue in force the acts of assembly which would expire with the present session. On motion, the question was put, Will the senate amend the bill by striking out the following words, 'except the act passed at November session 1798, ch. 86, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for establishing and securing the salary of the chancellor, and also except the act passed at November session 1797, ch. 71, entitled, An act to make a temporary allowance to the chan-